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SUBJECT: ORIT TURNS COLD SHOULDER TO GREATER AFL-CIO

ROLE IN LATIN AMERICA.

- 1. PRESS HAS CARRIED SEVERAL ARTICLES REPORTING AFL-CIO PLANS TO INCREASE ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA BY WORKING THROUGH ORIT (INTERAMERICAN REGIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION) AND AIFLD. ONE ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONED THAT AIFLD HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A US SENATE REPORT AS A FRONT FOR CIA.
- 2. JUAN JOSE DEL PINO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF ORIT, REJECTED THE AFL-CIO PLANS TO INCREASE ITS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA BY WORKING THROUGH ORIT. HE SAID ORIT HAD DISAPPROVED OF US WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO, AND THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE TIME WAS RIGHT TO RESTRUCTURE ORIT ALONG ILO LINES. THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT THE AFL-CIO IS PROVIDING \$120,000 OF ORIT'S \$1.5 MILLION 1978 BUDGET.
- 3. FIDEL VELAZQUEZ, LEADER OF THE MEXICAN CONGRESS OF WORKERS (CTM) SAID THE ONLY WAY FOR THE AFL-CIO TO SUPPORT LATIN AMERICAN WORKERS IS BY MEMBERSHIP IN ORIT. HE SAID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEITHER MEXICO NOR OTHER NATIONS WOULD ACCEPT AFL-CIO WORKING AROUND ORIT. LUCEY

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